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Associations

Program committees have arrangements nearly complete for the spring meetings of the district Associations. A schedule of places and dates appears under the caption "Calendar of Events" in another column. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach and Superintendent Gill will visit all of the Associations, holding conferences of ministers and delegates on the general theme, "The Church Faces the War Emergency." This period of careful consideration will grow out of a series of meetings arranged by Dr. Douglas Horton with superintendents and pastors at Ogden, Chicago, and Philadelphia. It is hoped that churches will send to the Associations their very best workers to participate in this discussion.

Mrs. Scott Haymond, President of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, will be a member of the speakers' team visiting all of the Associations, and will work in connection with the district president in a women's hour.

Rev. Fred Field Goodsell, Executive Vice-President of the American Board, will be a headline speaker at three of the Associations, viz., Sacramento Valley at Weaverville, Central at Salida, and San Joaquin at Fresno. Rev. C. A. Stanley of the College of Chinese Studies at the University of California will be one of the main speakers at the Bay Association at the Fruitvale Church in Oakland, and at the Santa Clara Association in San Jose.

The Conference Religious Committee is arranging to have a representative at each Association meeting, telling of the Advance in Christian Education which is planned by the interdenominational committee, and pointing out the imperative importance of Christian education for our day. Rev. Theodore E. Schulz will be the representative at the Sacramento Valley Association, Rev. T. Davis Preston at Central Association, Rev. Verdette Walters at the San Joaquin Association, Miss Mae Baudin at Redwood Empire, Mrs. W. B. Buckham at Upper Bay, Mrs. E. B. Kientz at the Bay Association, and Rev. Wm. W. Meyer at Santa Clara.

Each Association will also be using its own clergymen and lay people.

INTERESTED IN A GOOD INVESTMENT?

Question: What do you want from it?

Answer: Happiness, a sense of security, and freedom from one type of worry.

Question: What do you expect it to cost you?

Answer: Sacrifice of a certain amount of momentary indulgence; some study and thought; continued watchfulness.

Yes, we can recommend such an investment. It is the Building of a Christian Home. You cannot use your resources to better advantage It will render service to your community, your nation, and the world. Enough such investments might bring about active brotherhood of all men and save the terrific losses of hate and greed.

Your Conference Committee on Christian Education urges your thoughtful consideration of this opportunity.

NOW NEW WORK

That troublesome word "deficit" was blotted out by a flood of responses to the end of the year appeal during the last few days of March. The Conference fiscal year closes on March 31, and each year church treasurers make it a point to send in remittances, and loyal Congregationalists make individual gifts, so that only once during the past eight years was there a shortage in the treasury when the books were closed. All through the past year conditions had looked more favorable than previously, so that the appeal in March was not made so much for the covering of a deficit as it was for adding some new work. The amount coming from individuals was almost the same as a year ago, showing no decline as a result of increased taxes and the many calls for relief due to the war. The remittances from the churches, as shown in another column, were smaller, but there had been built up in the earlier months an increase which was enough to make up the difference. There is a surplus of something like $650 toward some new enterprises which will be considered by the Board of Directors at its April meeting.

Never was the Conference staff more encouraged than at the present moment. The loyalty and interest of Congregational people and churches of Northern California have been expressed in a most eloquent and yet practical way. It is the earnest desire to increase the effectiveness and the service which the Conference can give to the churches.

LAYMEN'S SCHOOLS SUCCESSFUL

The Laymen's Schools of Churchmanship were carried through according to schedule and plan. The hostess churches, namely, Santa Rosa First, Lodi First, Fresno First, and Palo Alto First, were generous in hospitality.

While there was universal regret because of the illness which prevented the coming of Mr. Claude Eckart of Seattle, there was sincere satisfaction with the services rendered by former Superintendent Edward D. Gaylord of Southern California. Mr. George B. Martin, chairman of the Laymen's Commission, attended two schools, presiding at the dinner at Santa Rosa and Lodi. Messrs. George W. Moore, Jr., E. B. Kientz, Ben Benson and Peirce Coombes, all members of the Laymen's Commission, rendered valuable services in their areas in promotion and in presiding over the trustees groups in their several localities. Dr. Gaylord's address on "Sacrifice or Investment" was a straightforward, practical, logical presentation of the reasons for the financial support of the church and its worldwide program. Through his long experience in dealing with churches he was able to give trustees and treasurers many helpful hints regarding insurance, upkeep of property, incorporation, and the making and raising of a budget.

Mr. J. W. Thomas of Berkeley led the discussion in the deacons groups, outlining the many important functions of the deacon, and then trained some of those present in the serving of the communion, an actual communion service taking place at the close, with Field Secretary Sherman in charge at Santa Rosa and Palo Alto and Superintendent Gill at Lodi and Fresno. The total attendance at all four schools was about 160.

P. F. Projects

Pilgrim Fellowship young people during the past fiscal year of the Conference have contributed a total of $450.67 to their missionary projects. This is considerably more than has been given in previous years. The goal adopted was $600, which was almost double the amount raised previously. To have reached an amount half again as large as they have given heretofore, and to reach three-fourths of the way toward the goal set, is an achievement worthy of congratulation and pride. First Church, Berkeley, led the way with gifts totaling $60, and Redwood City followed closely with a $50 bill presented through Field Secretary Sherman a few days ago. Twenty-eight churches made cash payments toward this sum, a number of others having pledged but not yet paid. Pastors, leaders, and officers are requested to take this matter up with societies for the coming year by planning well ahead of time, and by interesting a few more groups the $600 goal will be easy of attainment. The money contributed this year goes toward the support of the director at Plymouth House, Berkeley, the missionary work in Calaveras County under Rev. John G. Dickey, work among the southern Negroes under the direction of Kate Lassiter, and toward the support of Albert Faurot at Foochow College, China.

U. C. E. Advance

"Give them all a chance," says the United Christian Education Advance, observing that only half of America's children receive any religious education whatever. Uniting all denominations in a program which will climax in Religious Education Week in the fall (last week in September), the Advance was launched in February at the Convention of the International Council of Religious Education.

"Created for a time like this," the Advance stresses spiritual values and character education, and will utilize radio, platform, movie, as well as classroom to bring Christianity to American youth.

Featured this spring will be a series of ONE-DAY CONVENTIONS in strategic cities throughout the nation, where teams of nationally known authorities will meet with local leaders of all denominations to plan the Advance in every community.

In Northern California ONE-DAY CONVENTIONS will be held in Fresno on April 16 at First Presbyterian Church, in Sacramento on April 17 at First Baptist Church, and in Oakland on April 18 at the First Baptist Church.

In this time when so many people are discovering the seriousness of life, every Christian must be or become an alert messenger of the Gospel. And our Church Schools must redouble efforts to lead our youth to Christ and to ADVANCE in His fellowship.

Congregationalists living in the East Bay who have some space suitable for storage of furniture can render a Christian service by making it available to some of our Japanese people who must soon be evacuated. Rev. Robert Inglis or Miss Mary Coxhead at Plymouth Church, PIedmont 5300, or Rev. Norio Ozaki, 576 Sycamore Street, HIgate 2656, can give information.

HENRY DURANT

Another interesting and informative book has come from the pen of our own Rev. W. W. Ferrier, for many years the editor of The Pacific. His knowledge of California pioneer days and his indefatigable research into history and biography have given us a series of books that will be invaluable for future generations.

Within the last month there has come from the press his life of Henry Durant, who came to California as he himself said, "with college on the brain." He began in Oakland in 1853, with three pupils, the Contra Costa Academy. Later on he was the chief mover in the establishment of the College of California, which became the University of California, Dr. Durant becoming the first president of our great state institution.

Dr. Ferrier has not only traced the events of President Durant's life, but has introduced us to his ambitions and his thinking as revealed in the very scanty accounts of his public addresses. The author has further given a large number of estimates of Dr. Durant's character, by students, fellow faculty members, clergymen, and editors of newspapers.

Out of the pages of the book there emerges a man who, like St. Paul, could say, "This one thing I do." President Durant had one supreme, compelling interest in life, and that was education. He was an inspiring example of the way in which the unselfish and single-minded devotion of one man can overcome almost insurmountable difficulties and come to notable fruition within a period of less than a quarter of a century.

Copies of the book, "Henry Durant," may be secured from the author, Rev. W. W. Ferrier, 2716 Hillegass Avenue, Berkeley. Price is $2 per copy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16—Federation of Cong'l Women, San Francisco, First.
April 21-22—Sacramento Valley Association, Weaverville.
April 23—Central Association, Salida.
April 24—San Joaquin Valley Association, Fresno, Pilgrim.
April 28—Redwood Empire Association, Cloverdale.
April 29—Upper Bay Association, Crockett.
May 1-3—California German Conference, Fresno, Free Cross Church.
May 5—Bay Association, Oakland, Fruitvale.
May 6—Santa Clara Association, San Jose.
May 16-17—Annual S. S. and C. E. Convention of German Young People, Fresno, Free Cross Church.
June 18-25—General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Durham, N. H.
July 25-August 1—M. E. M. Conference, San Anselmo.
October 16-18—State Conference, Grace United Church, San Francisco.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER CONFERENCES

June 13-20—Lakewood, Lake Tahoe.
June 14-20—Sequoia National Park.
June 20-27—Loma Mar No. 1 and No. 2.
July 25-August 1—Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.
August 9-15—Lokoya.

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He that strikes the first blow confesses that he has run out of ideas.

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WATCH & WORK

Here is a matter that requires serious attention. The gifts for benevolences for the first three months of 1942 are $1300 less than for the same period in 1941. More than $600 of that amount was in special gifts to the American Board a year ago, which are not being repeated, but that still leaves a $700 shortage. This is enough to give us concern. Had it not been for the increase in 1941 which was reported two months ago, we would scarcely have been able to close the Conference year without a deficit. It is still early, but church leaders should study this table and take steps before any more months have passed to bring the giving of their churches at least up to last year's figures.

Church	March, 1942	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, 1942	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, 1941
Adin	$ 8.06	$ 8.06	$ 9.00
Alameda	5.00	5.00	202.50
Alturas	11.72	11.72	12.05
Angels Camp	37.50	40.00	39.50
Antioch	.....	6.26	11.24
Auburn	23.07	43.07	60.00
Benicia	.....	5.00	10.00
Berkeley, Chinese	.....	.....	25.00
First	763.21	1,508.70	1,527.05
North	36.90	89.20	154.36
Park	17.93	17.93	23.07
Callahan	.....	.....	5.13
Campbell	65.00	65.00	.....
Cedarville	25.00	25.00	50.00
Cloverdale	5.23	17.14	16.92
Cotati	.....	20.00	31.50
Crockett	26.15	36.15	15.99
Etna	.....	5.32	6.85
Eureka	51.23	116.39	134.01
Fairfax	.....	.....	15.00
Ferndale	84.10	84.10	63.00
Fresno, First	181.83	181.83	223.92
Pilgrim	50.00	68.08	50.00
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	20.00
Hayfork	.....	.....	5.00
Kenwood	6.10	6.10	3.00
Lodi, First	110.00	310.00	284.00
Loomis	.....	.....	10.42
Martinez	49.39	80.05	107.75
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Oakland, First	425.00	1,275.00	1,254.00
Pilgrim	6.17	12.17	9.00
Plymouth	66.06	149.19	237.47
Oroville	.....	.....	15.65
Pacific Grove	52.03	52.03	26.91
Palo Alto	250.00	250.00	412.50
Paradise	25.00	75.00	52.00
Parlier	10.00	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	10.00	10.00	8.66
Pescadero	.....	2.50	.....
Petaluma	.....	65.35	108.45
Pittsburg	18.50	31.03	48.20
Porterville	80.00	80.00	100.00
Redwood City	149.50	149.50	211.19
Rio Vista	.....	.....	37.50
Ripon	26.28	44.18	28.13
Sacramento	230.03	230.03	217.46
Salida	30.00	30.00	20.00
San Carlos	25.28	25.28	13.24
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Park	68.88	68.88	49.36
First	123.61	385.52	927.91
Ocean View	5.00	25.00	25.00
San Jose	45.00	205.00	140.00
San Leandro	25.10	25.10	22.66
San Mateo	10.00	10.00	222.18
Santa Cruz	146.00	146.00	140.00
Santa Rosa	19.00	30.50	38.00
Saratoga	131.77	206.77	.....
Sebastopol	40.32	52.27	51.45
Sonoma	.....	22.10	47.70
Soquel	25.00	25.00	19.14
Stockton	105.71	127.61	151.38
Suisun	.....	.....	38.67
Sunnyvale	.....	.....	4.95
Sunol	.....	.....	25.00
Tulare	126.50	136.50	140.00
Weaverville	20.00	20.00	35.00
Woodside	30.00	30.00	34.00
Reno, Nevada	56.20	56.20	111.75
Misc. and Individual	869.00	1,049.00	1,020.00
	$4,808.36	$7,943.81	$9,251.77

CHURCH COUNCIL OF SOCIAL WORK

"Christian Priorities in Human Welfare" is the significant theme of the forthcoming Protestant Church Council of Social Work to be held in San Francisco April 19-23 in conjunction with the California Conference of Social Work of which the former is a kindred group.

The final program presents eminent leaders presenting and discussing topics of vital social significance. Highlights will be the following sessions which will all be held at Glide Memorial Church:

April 19—3:00—"The Responsibility of the Church in Guiding Social Change." Dr. George Gleason.

April 21—6:00—Dinner: "The Youth Authority." Supt. O. H. Close, Preston School.

April 22—1:00—Lunch "Starting Early in Social Education." Dr. Herman F. Swartz.
3:45—"The Church in the Post War Era." Dr. Walter Morritt.

April 23—7:30—Breakfast: "Religion in the Rise and Fall of Human Order." Very Reverend James M. Malloch.

In addition, the morning sessions of the General Conference will present leaders in the various fields of social welfare which will be of interest to all.

Ministers, Christian Educators and laymen will find this Conference throbbing with life issues and should mark their calendars now. For fuller information write to Miss Phoebe Watwood, Promotion Chairman, California Church Council, 83 McAllister St., San Francisco.

I STILL BELIEVE

I STILL believe a Super-Mind
Conceived at first the wondrous plan
Which clearly must have been designed
To form at length a perfect man.

I still believe aspiring man
By force of will creates his fate;
And that he can who thinks he can
Attain his goal betimes or late.

I still believe more than I know;
For faith is insight swift and clear,
While reason moves with footsteps slow;
And each the other checks and aids.

I still believe that what I see
Is but the slow-maturing seed
Of that fair world that is to be,
Whose dim outlines we now can read.

I still believe the pure in heart
Alone can see the higher good.
Through faith and love they play their part
In building world-wide brotherhood.

I still believe the vision fair
That pilots man through all his strife
Transmutes existence rude and bare
Into a rich, triumphant life.

I still believe goodwill and trust
Are stronger far than bombs and gas;
That love will master greed and lust;
That outlawed war will surely pass.

I still believe that every man
Throughout this year and through all time
Can aid a bit his Maker's plan,
And thus make common life sublime!

—Henry Stauffer.

C. G. MARSHALL RETURNS

Former parishioners and friends of Rev. Charles G. Marshall will be interested to learn that he has returned from Hawaii, where he has been making his home, and is now with a daughter in Bakersfield. Mrs. Marshall will come later. In common with many hundreds of people, the Marshalls are returning to the mainland in order to reduce the demand for much needed supplies.

Plymouth House Activities

All students are welcome at all times and occasions in Plymouth House and there is never an admission charge. "Exclusiveness" is an idea which is not compatible with the ideals of our fellowship. However, we do invite into full membership those students who are especially interested in our work and ready to make it one of their first loyalties. At the time of signing a membership blank, each person signifies his readiness to do certain jobs in the organizations for which he has special interest and aptitude. So widely diverse are these choices that nearly everyone has a chance to do the thing he likes best and most of our chores are done by willing volunteers. The addresses and phone numbers of the members are compiled in directories which are distributed widely and enable our friends to find each other. It is very easy to get "lost" on this big campus. A supplement to the directory will soon be published and the new members formally received.

The First Congregational Church, Berkeley, extends an invitation to students to become Associate Members and a number of students have availed themselves of this opportunity, while others have united with the church on confession of faith. Associate membership does not require the transmission of a church letter and the relationship automatically terminates when the student leaves the University. This membership is of high value because it unites young people sojourning in Berkeley with those who are already resident and gives them a full share in their Christian endeavors.

March has been a strenuous month around Plymouth House. On the fifteenth of the month the nominating committee named the officers for the ensuing year. At the election the following Sunday, after a few nominations from the floor, the officers were elected, the principal ones being: President, Barrett Coates '43, Berkeley; vice-president, Chester Darrow '44, Whittier; treasurer, William Taylor '43, Puente. On Sunday, the 29th, Dr. Loper installed the new officers and addressed the group, presenting the life story of Henry Durant, the first president of the University.

The Forum will devote its meetings in the month of April to the study of "Preparation for the Post War Work." Students realize that they must be prepared to make the peace as well as win the war. Dr. John Bennett of Pacific School opened the series with a talk on "Preparing for Peace." Among other speakers, Dr. Frank Munk of the University will speak on "The Regional Problem."

A MODEST REQUEST

"The committee has decided that we must start hunt for a 'young' man, 'who can attract the young folks.' If you have some young paragons up your sleeve, who are able preachers, good 'mixers,' thrifty, tactful, hard workers, pay their bills promptly, good musicians perhaps, diligent in making pastoral calls upon those who want them, who preach 'Bible' sermons for those who want that kind, and other kinds of sermons for those who think 'Bible' sermons outmoded, who don't ride hobbies overmuch, who are free, white, and of legal age, single or married, who are eager to get $1200 a year—'perhaps even less'—well, you know the lingo: 'why, we'd like to know.'

Beseechingly yours,

P.S.—I forgot to add: short sermons and short prayers."

—Wisconsin Congregational Church Life.

ANTIOCH. On a recent Sunday the Superintendent visited this church at its morning service. With the work that has been done on the foundations, the new coat of paint, the repair of the windows, and the growing shrubbery, the property presents a very inviting appearance. A church office is to be provided, and the old parsonage which is now a parish house is both usable and attractive. Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, a committee is making a careful study of the responsibilities and opportunities which will come to the church as a result of the building of a huge embarkation cantonment by the U. S. Army.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Acting in his behalf, the family of Dr. B. C. Wong has presented his resignation as of March 31. Dr. Wong has served as pastor and as lay leader of this church for considerably more than twenty years. His physical condition is somewhat improved but he will be unable to resume active work for some time. Through the cooperation of Mrs. W. T. Sadler, the Conference office, and other friends the pulpit is being supplied. The pulpit committee is in active search for a new pastor. Superintendent Gill conducted the Easter service, receiving several young people into membership on baptism and confession of faith.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The Men's Club sponsored a concert by the Russian Choir of the Holy Virgin Cathedral of San Francisco on Sunday afternoon, March 22. On Palm Sunday afternoon the church's own choir gave a special service, singing "The Seven Last Words," by Dubois. The pastor, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, held services on Wednesday mornings through Lent. Dr. Loper of First Congregational Church, Berkeley, supplied for him on March 4, while Dr. Reidenbach attended a denominational meeting in Ogden, Utah.

FRESNO, ZION. This church has one English morning service a month. The attendance has been very pleasing to Rev. J. N. Sauer, the pastor. Young people who are not quite at home in the German language show a deep interest. The pastor also has a Bible class once a week for young people.

SAN MATEO. Rev. Arthur W. Bailey of Palo Alto was speaker at the church supper on Holy Thursday. This was followed by a candlelight service and communion. Combined choirs furnished the music Easter morning. The sermon by the pastor, Rev. Sidney Buckham, was on "The Promise of Christ."

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. An evening for Negro soldiers located in the vicinity was arranged by a group in this church. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

Plymouth House and Service Men

By a unanimous vote the members of Plymouth House have extended the use of its facilities to men in Service. The Social Action Committee of the First Church, with this vote in mind, has united the various organizations of the church in an "all out effort" to provide hospitality for the young men stationed in this region. On March 29 a questionnaire was sent to all people in the parish asking for their support of this great project and inquiring about the ways in which they are ready to help. With Plymouth House as a center, the students as hosts, and the backing of the entire parish which stands ready to provide personal help, financial aid, transportation, meals, and other necessities, we should soon be able to serve the service men as they are serving us.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Dr. Albert Peel of London, editor of the Congregational Quarterly and recent chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, was guest preacher at both services on March 15. Instead of the Sunday morning forums at 9:50, the regular church evening service now takes the form of a forum on living issues. Holy Week services of communion were held every noon, Monday through Thursday, and a special communion service on Thursday evening. The three-hour Good Friday service followed the usual form of the "Seven Last Words," with a number of visiting clergymen assisting Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor. The church is receiving into membership young people who are in San Francisco in the Service or in defense work, transmitting their memberships to their own home churches.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. While the parish of this church does not lie in a zone from which evacuation is soon to take place, curfew regulations are in effect and there is the uncertainty of what steps the officers of the U. S. Army will next take. There is a spirit of courage and goodwill among the people, who have as their leader Rev. Tatsuo Sakaguchi. A number of Buddhists have signified their desire to unite with the church, but the church will follow a conservative policy and see to it that our Buddhist friends enter study classes and wait a long enough time so that their motives are beyond doubt and criticism before being received.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. This church has been facing the problems raised by the impending evacuation in a spirit of fortitude and goodwill. The property has been deeded to the Conference for the period of the duration. The records are deposited with Oakland, Plymouth Church, which will have authority to grant letters. Some of the families have moved; others will await evacuation under the direction of the Army and will hope to remain together as a Christian nucleus. Members of other churches can render a very significant service by offering space for the storage of furniture and other personal articles which our Japanese friends must leave behind.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. This church has been rendering a very significant service to the Japanese of Oakland, in particular the Japanese Congregational Church. Rev. Robert Inglis, the pastor, is representing the Conference on the interdenominational committee for the Pacific Coast area. Miss Mary Coxhead, Community Service member of the church staff, has been assisting in many ways, and especially in finding places where Japanese can store their belongings. Dinners on Tuesday evenings during Lent have brought together a goodly number of people interested in the spiritual life. On Palm Sunday morning, the choir presented Stainer's "Crucifixion."

LIKELY. The first Sunday of the unified service for children and adults under the leadership of Rev. Theodore Schulz of Alturas brought out 23, the second Sunday 29, and the third Sunday 40, with an average attendance of 36 to date. Biweekly meetings for teachers in the Church School are being held.

ALTURAS. In a letter which goes to the entire mailing list of the Federated Church, people are asked to mail postcards indicating what services on Easter they plan to attend, in order that adequate seating may be arranged in advance. Rev. Theodore E. Schulz is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. On Palm Sunday evening the combined choirs of the Congregational and Methodist churches, assisted by soloists from Stanford, beautifully rendered "The Seven Last Words," by Dubois, to an appreciative audience that filled the auditorium. A particularly fine group of new members was received into the church at the Holy Thursday evening candlelight communion. The deacons are to call upon all new men members. Eight trustees and deacons attended the Laymen's conference at Palo Alto on Thursday, March 19, presided over by Peirce Coombes of this church. The entire Sunday School partook of communion on Palm Sunday morning, and the leaders are working on Bible memory tests and other attendance builders, including a special class for young married couples. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. Forty-six new members were received at the Holy Thursday candlelight communion service. Two identical Easter services were held, one at 9:30 and the other at 11. Fourteen children were christened. Rev. John H. Gregg, pastor, was speaker at two assemblies at the Roosevelt High School on the Message of Easter, and shared in the union Good Friday service. The Sunday evening forum closed for the season with a musical program in the college auditorium, presented by the college orchestra and the men's and women's choruses.

ANGELS CAMP and MURPHY. Each Thursday night the pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, gives the C. E. group twenty minutes of discussion of church and Christian matters, in the Murphy Church. In Angels Camp two Sunday School classes meet with him for the study of the Congregational statement of faith. On Holy Thursday the church held an annual fellowship dinner, followed by communion. Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton was the speaker at the theater service on Good Friday.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. The hour of the Sunday evening vesper service has been put back to five o'clock. A Church of Youth at 11 in the morning has been launched. This has grown out of a senior class in the Church School. The young people of the Hi-K Club have started a nucleus in defense stamps for the Fellowship House building fund. Mr. Herb Dimock is director.

BERKELEY PARK. A lovely apartment has been built by and for the pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, in an upper room of the church building, so he is literally on the job 24 hours of the day. A new group of young people has been organized, to be known as the "Young Adults." They will have dinner together each Friday evening.

PETALUMA. New members will be received the Sunday following Easter. A cantata by Maunder, "From Calvary to Olivet," was sung by united choirs of Petaluma during the three-hour service on Good Friday. A new Pilgrim Fellowship Society has been started. Rev. T. T. Giffen is pastor.

MARTINEZ. Seventeen names appear on the "Men in the Service" list. A committee is asking members of the congregation to cooperate by writing letters. Rev. Verdette Walters is pastor.

SALIDA. This church is looking forward to the coming of the Central Association, and is planning a little house cleaning. The first quarter of the benevolences have been remitted. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. During the past month Boy Scout Troop No. 37 has been taken over by the church. The young people are planning their annual candlelight communion service for Easter night. It is one of the most highly prized services of the year. The young people have also carried through two well attended parties for service men. More than a thousand hours of work have been contributed to defense and Red Cross in the past two and one-half months by women in the Auxiliary. Another worthwhile project is "keeping the cookie jar filled," a movement instituted by Mrs. Carrie Hoyt, a member of the church, and which furnishes cookies for service men in the vicinity. Rev. Pierson Parker is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. During the spring months special Sunday evening services are held, with speakers devoted to the various missionary interests of the Methodist and Congregational denominations. Among them are listed Miss Ella Baker, deaconess; Rev. John Wilkins of Burlingame, Rev. A. C. Hacke of Ripon, Miss Helen J. Billings of Korea, and Supt. Harley H. Gill. Twenty-three new members were received early in March. Union Holy Week services of the churches of the Mission District were held each noon, Monday through Thursday, and a three-hour Good Friday service in the United Church. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is the pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. This church, together with the Presbyterian Church at Monte Rio, has called as pastor Mr. Alfred P. Focht, student at the Pacific School of Religion. Mr. Focht is one of our own Congregational boys, growing up in the church at Cotati, where his folks are loyal members. He has been assisting in the Grace United Church for the past two years. Some projects are on foot for improving the appearance of the interior of the church.

FAIRFAX. This church has installed a new bulletin board and two gold crosses, one over each door. There has been an average attendance of 25 at Lenten midweek meetings. A number of those present are not reached on Sundays. A communion service was held on Wednesday of Holy Week, and there was an hour of prayer and meditation on Good Friday afternoon, besides the regular services on Palm Sunday and Easter.

BENICIA. Twenty new members were enrolled in the Sunday School during March. Rev. Isaac Fleming, who is now devoting practically full time in the parish, is spending a large portion of his effort among newcomers, many of whom have never heard of Congregationalism. More than half of the congregation is made up of new people.

LODI. Teams of visitors for personal evangelism joined with like workers from the Methodist Church to receive instruction by Rev. Mahlon Young in preparation for the securing of new members, which will be received the Sunday following Easter. At the united Congregational and Methodist service on Palm Sunday evening Rev. A. R. Boone read the pulpit drama, "Judas of Kerioth."

RIO VISTA. Seventeen new members have been received into the church during the last month. The Pilgrim Fellowship held a guest night when eighth graders, parents, and other friends were invited to participate in the regular fellowship meeting. It was so well received as to warrant the planning of a repetition in the coming month. Rev. Victor H. Morgan is pastor.

OROVILLE. The average attendance at church during March was very much higher than it has been heretofore. A young lad, member of the Pilgrim Fellowship, by the name of Jack Alpers, was honored at a recognition service by the church and by many comments in the public press because of his heroism in attempting to rescue an unidentified man who committed suicide by drowning in the Feather River. Some splendid members for the church have been received from First Church, Los Angeles. The women of the church are very active in the Red Cross. Rev. C. C. Champlin declares without reservation that this church is forging ahead.

ALAMEDA. Although the pastor, Rev. Ralph V. Conard, has been in the harness only one month, the church is responding splendidly to his leadership. He and members of his family were received into membership at the candlelight communion service on Holy Thursday. A large choir furnished beautiful music. Mr. Conard was the speaker at the Easter sunrise service in Lincoln Park. A letter has been sent by the pastor to all service men of the church, with Easter greetings written by Mrs. Conard.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The Interchurch Hour, under the direction of several churches and theological seminaries, continues on Sunday evenings in Pilgrim Hall, which is prepared for blackout. On Thursday mornings during Lent Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, conducted a Bible Class. Identical services were held on Easter Sunday at 9 and 11 a. m. On the preliminary list of those in the nation's service from this church are 60 names.

SARATOGA. From 8 to 9, from Monday to Thursday of Holy Week, devotional periods were held, with the Lord's Supper and reception of members on the last night. The church joined with other churches in a three-hour service in the First Baptist Church at Los Gatos on Good Friday. Rev. Harry S. McCready of Berkeley was speaker at the sunrise service Easter morning. Twenty-one names appear on the war service list. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

RIPON. The Ladies' Aid Society raised through a St. Patrick's Day supper about half the funds needed for certain improvements on the building. A new division of the Aid Society has been formed of women not able to attend afternoon meetings. They have their own officers and meet twice monthly in the evening, but maintain a close contact with the parent society. Rev. A. C. Hacke is pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. The Weaverville church is making it possible for the pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, to become a member of the Annuity Fund. The church is busy in preparing for the Sacramento Valley Association. A cleanup job on buildings and grounds, including a new fence, was carried out by volunteer workers on Saturday, March 28.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS

The April Spring meeting, as already announced, will be held in the First Church, San Francisco, corner of Post and Mason. The date is April 16. The program is not complete, but the general theme is "Living Today." We may save our tires, for the church is most accessible by street car. From the Terminal ("Bridge") Station, either the Sutter Street or the Geary Street cars go within one block. Get off at Mason Street, and walk one block, downhill from Sutter, or uphill from Geary. One important change in our usual procedure should be noted: BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. Tea and coffee will be served as in our monthly meetings, but we must bring lunch or go out to some restaurant.

The March meeting of the Federation convened with several vacant places: Mrs. R. M. McClelland, Social Service Chairman, was housed with an attack of mumps; Mrs. Elmer Benedict has injured her ankle; our beloved Mrs. Dennis Goodsell was ill in bed; Miss Alice Beard was still unable to be with us, although improving. With all these on the sick list, it was with much pleasure that we welcomed back the President of the Bay Association, Mrs. J. H. McCartney. Mrs. McCartney still gets about with difficulty, but has been keeping up her work with the use of mail and telephone, and we trust soon to have her completely recovered.

Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, Thank Offering Secretary, referred again to the change in our Thank Offering projects, from hospital work in China to rural work in Africa. It was especially timely in this connection that in the afternoon we had a most interesting talk on Angola, West Africa, illustrated by colored pictures, and given by Rev. and Mrs. Duane Waln, out of their wide experience at Chilesso. Mrs. Gauthier announced an excellent Thank Offering program put out by the "President's Exchange," copies of which may be obtained through her. She also announced that our Thank Offering goal is $2,000, although we allocated only $1,670.

During Miss Beard's illness, those requiring stationery may obtain it by writing or telephoning to Mrs. Ralph S. Sargent, 6016 Auburn Ave., Oakland; phone OLympic 5636.

Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Prayer Guild Secretary, told us, among other things, that on the World Day of Prayer recently, the Dean of Women of the Petaluma High School came to the services with thirty girls from the school. The Dean said many more would have been glad to come. I think some of us would like to borrow that Dean of Women for our own communities. In this connection, it was interesting to have Mrs. Waln later report that her women at Chilesso had said earnestly: "We don't want our chain in the World Day of Prayer broken."

Mrs. Verdette Walters, Home Field Secretary, stressed the wide reach of what we call "Home Mission" work, including all problems, from those of the dust-bowl farmers to that of finding playgrounds for underprivileged children. The greatest lack, she said, was that of spiritual direction.

Of the many interesting items from the foreign field, reported by our secretary, Mrs. Ernest Evans, the editor selects some from Miss Edith Parsons, whom many of us know personally. Writing in January, Miss Parsons said that winter had come to Istanbul with a severity not known for over ten years. From her window she had seen a man skiing in one of the narrow side streets. Shelters for mobilized men were often so inadequate that many of the men had to be sent home. Food prices were steadily rising, although there were no alarming shortages. Mrs. Evans also spoke of the recent meeting of the Federal Council of Churches, at which plans for a "just and durable peace" were formulated, and guiding principles in the form of "Thirteen Points for World Peace" adopted. These points will be found in the Christian Century for March 18, and in briefer form in "Time" of March 16, under the heading, "Religion."

Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Relations Secretary, again brought to our attention the dangers of race prejudice.

Again valuable books were listed by the various secretaries. Mrs. A. D. Hartwell stressed Walter Van Kirk's "Religion and the World Tomorrow," in which he attempts to answer the question, "After the war—what?" In discussing the necessary adjustments and sacrifices, the author makes the vital point that none of these are of much good unless "goodwill is based on intelligence." Mrs. E. B. Kientz emphasized certain helps for young mothers—among them "And When You Pray," by Grace McGavran, and the "Life of Our Lord," written long ago by Charles Dickens for his own children. Mrs. Philip Greisinger spoke of "Brave Enough for Life," by Bonaro W. Overstreet, containing help for our living now, while the war still continues. Mrs. Greisinger urged that we read for serenity during these Lenten days, and quoted a phrase to which we may well give heed, now and in the months to come: "Slip away into serenity."

MRS. WM. H. CROSS

Ninety-four beautiful years came to their earthly end with the passing, in Berkeley on March 14, of Mrs. William H. Cross, widow of one of our pioneer ministers. The word that springs to mind on thought of her is "blessed." Whether as the active and efficient helper in all her husband's pastorates (Hollister, Riverside, Saratoga, Sebastopol, Paso Robles, Porterville, Tulare, and Palermo), entertaining the entire Sunday-school at dinner (in relays), teaching, leading the various women's activities; or as, in quieter days, promoting the devotional life of our Federation as Prayer Guild Secretary; or, as strength left her, lying serene and uncomplaining for long months, unable to leave her bed—in all these experiences she carried blessing to others and was blessed herself. "Her memories," said the one who knew her best, "were always happy. She loved so many people, and and held her friends." The young men, college students who from time to time lived in the family, whatever their rough edges, always loved her. Wrote one: "She showed me courage and patience, intelligence, dignity and beauty." She herself said of those strenuous years of pioneer church work: "It was a great life!" And it still is. "Think of me," were the words in a message she left for her children, "free as the winds of heaven, and learning more and more the things I want to know."

Mrs. Scott Haymond, president, will make the trip with the team of speakers to all of the outlying Associations. The schedule appears in the "Calendar of Events." In each case arrangements for the women's meeting will be made by the Association presidents with the cooperation of the Association program committee.

THE CHURCH

This is the church of my dreams,
A church adequate for the task,
The church of the warm heart,
Of the open mind,
Of the adventurous spirit;
The church that cares,
That heals hurt lives,
That comforts old people;
That challenges youth;
That knows no divisions of culture or class,
No frontiers, geographical or social;
The church that inquires as well as avers,
That looks forward as well as backward;
The church of the Master,
The church of the people,
The high church, the broad church, the low church,
High as the ideals of Jesus,
Low as the humblest human;
A working church,
A worshiping church,
A winsome church,
A church that interprets the truth in terms of truth,
That inspires courage for this life and hope for the life to come;
A church for all good men,
The church of the living God.

—John M. Moore.

WHO IS THE MINISTER?

"A Minister is a trained, accredited, consecrated, trusted friend-at-large, maintained by his Church in his community to preach the word of God, to administer the Sacraments, to solemnize marriages, to assist in giving Christian burial, to administer the affairs of his Church and to exemplify, insofar as one man may, the good life and to make known to the men, women and children of his Parish by word and deed the purpose and the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ."—Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin. Quoted by Rev. T. A. Greene in "Seminar Quarterly."

NEW HYMNAL

The long-felt need for a good but inexpensive hymnal has at last been met in the publication of "New Worship and Song," by the Pilgrim Press. With 184 hymns and musical responses, 13 suggested worship services, and a goodly number of prayers, unison and responsive readings, this book is recommended for use by churches, church schools, young people's groups and summer conferences. The hymns not only include many old and well-loved ones, but also some of the newer favorites such as "We Would Be Building," "Are Ye Able," etc. The book is available in red cloth cover at 40c per copy (35c in quantities), or in a strong paper binding at 25c per copy (20c in quantities). Write Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, or to the Pilgrim Press in Boston or Chicago.

LIGHTS OUT

We hear it said that the lights have gone out in the world.
Such a thing has happened many times before.
It was dark in Bethlehem on a certain night,
Yet on that night a new star was shining.
Shepherds looked up and saw a glory in the sky;
Saw a glowing radiance around a mother and her child.

The lights had gone out then, in Judea, in Rome.
Yet it was bright enough to guide three wise men on their way towards truth.
Bright enough to rouse the shepherds to the coming of a prince of peace.
Bright enough to fill a cattle shed where human hope was born.

There is light enough today to make a track of thought for those who have a mind to hunt for living truth.
Enough to show the peoples of the earth the way to build a democratic world in justice and good will.
Enough to fill with understanding and with courage any room, hall, meeting-house or open square,
Where men and women plan good things together for the human race.

There is light enough for all these things.

What if old lights have gone out?
Kindle new ones everywhere.
Get out your lamp, your candle or your lantern.
Put it in the window, or better still . . .
Take your own light with you and go into the world.

You will be surprised to find so many there ahead of you.
You may be even more surprised to find that God, Himself, is there with His newest and brightest star!

—Dwight Bradley.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Record attendance and banner offerings marked the Easter services. The children's "sacrifice" gifts were brought for "starving children, wherever the need is greatest." Mr. Eugene Sill, the pastor, welcomed two new members into the fellowship.

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